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Trudovaks

1. During November 1950, the entire trudovak service was reorganized on a military structural basis, and the existing eight trudovak districts were reformed into four trudovak divisions. The divisions are composed of from two to three brigades; the brigades are composed of from two to three battalions; the battalions are composed of from three to four companies of three platoons each.<sup>1</sup> Officer and enlisted ranks were altered to conform to the Soviet system.
2. Under the new system, 1 Trudovak Division is located in Sofia, 2 Trudovak Division in Stara Zagora, 3 Trudovak Division in Pleven, and 4 Trudovak Division in Shumen.
3. Trudovak personnel are given only 15-20 days of close-order drill before being assigned to various units.
4. Young Communists of military age, who are considered politically reliable, are sent to Trudovak Officer Training School in Sofia. After completing a nine months' training course, they are given the rank of lieutenant and are assigned to units. Some of the officers receive additional post-graduate training before being assigned to units. Non-commissioned officers are also chosen from Communist personnel, but are forced to enlist in the army for a five year term. Non-commissioned officers are given six months' training at the Trudovak Divisional Headquarters nearest their home.

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5. The 1928, 1929, 1930, and 1931 classes are currently serving in the trudovaks. The normal period of service is 30 months; however, in individual cases, this may be decreased to 12 months if the trudovak in question is the sole support of a family which has no sons over 15 years old and whose yearly income does not exceed 30,000 leva.
6. Only politically reliable trudovaks are furnished and trained with arms. Usually 15 to 20 of these reliable personnel are found in each company, and are assigned to administrative, messenger, and guard duty.
7. Trudovaks are promoted according to their efforts, morale, and degree of political reliability. Length of service is not considered important as a basis for promotion.
8. Regulations are enforced, and offenders may have their length of service prolonged or may be imprisoned. Trudovaks who damage or destroy equipment must reimburse the government for the full value of such articles.
9. Political lectures and calisthenics are daily requisites.
10. The following is a list of trudovak personnel:
  - a. Lieutenant Colonel Angel Tsanev, Commanding Officer of Trudovak forces in Bulgaria, and head of the Special Construction Management after reorganization;
  - b. Lieutenant Colonel Yanko Paneti, deputy to Tsanev;
  - c. Colonel Zimiyarov, Trudovak Inspector General;
  - d. Colonel Belcho Belchev, Commanding Officer of 2 Trudovak Division at Stara Zagora;
  - e. Lieutenant Colonel Yanev, Deputy Commanding Officer of 2 Trudovak Division;
  - f. First Lieutenant Andreev, Commanding Officer of Company Military No. 8211, 2 Division, at Golyano Zharkovo;
  - g. Lieutenant Polev, Deputy Commanding Officer of Company Military No. 8211;
  - h. Captain Pishtalov, Commanding Officer of Battalion Military No. 8210, 2 Division at Elhovo;
  - i. First Lieutenant Ivanov, Deputy Commanding Officer of Battalion Military No. 8210;
  - j. Major Binev, Commanding Officer of an unidentified battalion of 2 Division, at Svilengrad;
  - k. First Lieutenant Konstatinov, Deputy Commanding Officer of an unidentified battalion at Svilengrad;

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- l. Colonel Papazov, Commanding Officer of 4 Trudovak Division at Shumen;
- m. Major Zhelev, Deputy Commanding Officer of 4 Division;
- n. First Lieutenant Markov, Commanding Officer, 2 Platoon, Company Military No. 8211, Battalion Military No. 8210, 2 Division, Stara Zagora;
- o. Sergeant Major Balabanov, Commanding Officer 3 Platoon, Company Military No. 8211; and
- p. A non-commissioned officer, a certain Ivanov, Commanding Officer 1 Platoon, Company Military No. 8211.

Military

11. There are infantry, artillery, engineer, signal and armored units (unit size and designations unknown) stationed at Shumen.
12. The 9 Infantry Regiment, stationed at Plovdiv, was transferred to the Bulgarian-Greek border sometime during March 1951.
13. An unidentified armored brigade, equipped with Soviet-type T-34 and German-type tiger tanks, is also stationed at Plovdiv. One brigade complement unit was transferred to the Elkhovo area during the latter part of 1950.
14. An unidentified artillery regiment was transferred from Burgas to Vidin early in 1951.
15. Coast Artillery Regiment Military No. 3807 is stationed at Burgas. Regimental complements, an unidentified battery is stationed at Sveti Nikola, an unidentified battery at Sozopol, and other unidentified batteries, are located in fortifications along the coast between Burgas and the Turkish border.
16. Because of Turkish naval maneuvers in the Black Sea, in June or July 1950, the battery at Sozopol was reinforced with six additional guns.
17. There are two coast artillery batteries located east of Burgas on the Atiya peninsula.
18. In approximately May 1951, an unidentified infantry regiment moved to the Golyam Dervent village near the Turkish border.
19. Approximately 2½ months ago, an infantry and anti-tank unit, total strength 800, along with four 75 m.m. anti-tank guns, were transferred from Yambol to Ghalbaba, a small village approximately 500 meters north of Golyamo Zharkovo. Source also heard that an army unit (unit type, strength and designation unknown) had moved into Sitovo at the same time.
20. The 1928, 1929, 1930, and 1931 classes are currently serving in the Bulgarian armed forces. The 1920 to 1925 class reservists were recalled for temporary active duty in approximately June 1951 for training with new Soviet weapons. These weapons include Soviet Vintovka-type carbines, and automatic rifles with a 72-round capacity.

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21. There are two lines of fortifications in the vicinity of Golyamo Sharkovo, one extending northward and the other southward from the town. These fortifications contain light machine gun emplacements placed 10 meters apart, heavy machine gun emplacements 100 meters apart, and artillery emplacements 200 to 500 meters apart. Artillery emplacements are scattered, and are either 80 meters to the front or to the rear of the fortifications.
22. There is a tank trap approximately one and a half kilometers long, one kilometer south of the first line of fortifications, between the Golyamo Sharkovo and Voden villages, south of Tsarevo Gradishte. These fortifications were as yet unoccupied by troops at the time of informant's escape. However, several pre-war bunkers, located approximately two kilometers east of Golyamo Sharkovo were occupied by a 30-man unit armed with heavy machine guns. This unit is a complement of the troops stationed at Chalaba.

Industrial

23. The Vicha electric power plant is located in the Vicha Valley near Plovdiv.
24. A hydroelectric power plant is under construction at a dam located approximately 50 kilometers south of Ieshtera at Tash-Bogaz. (sic)

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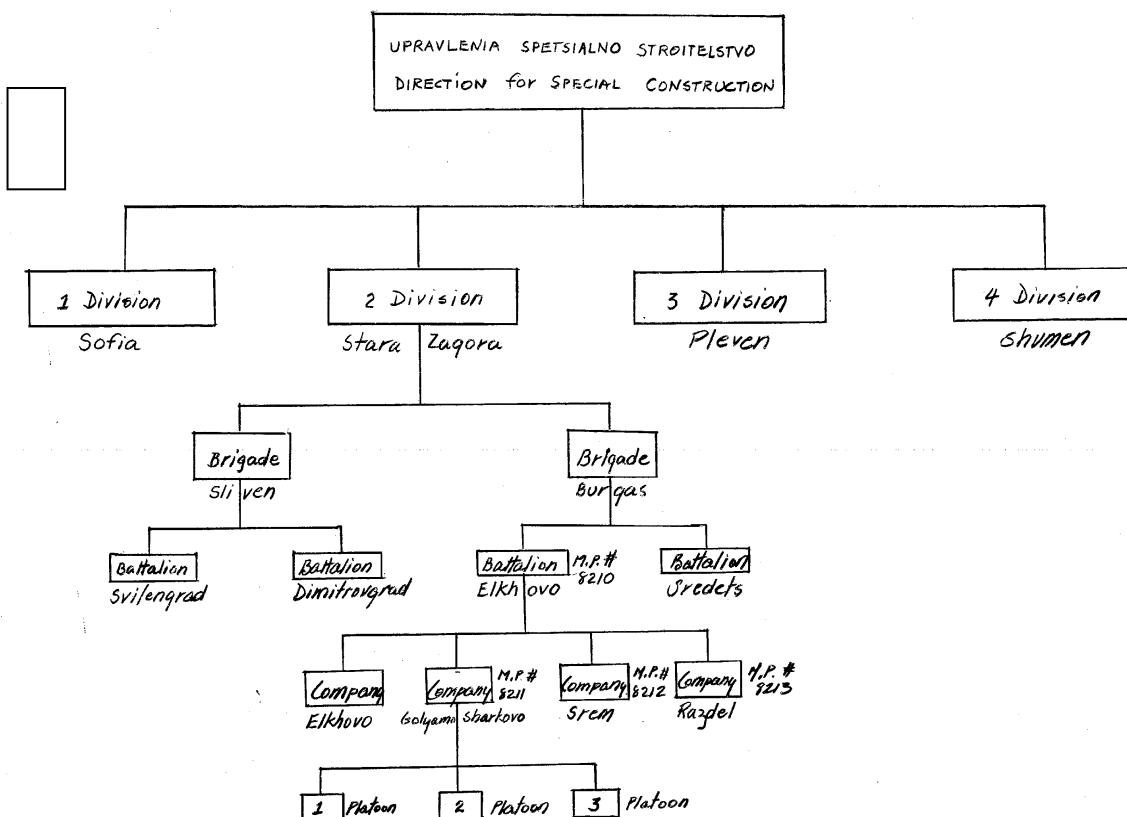
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